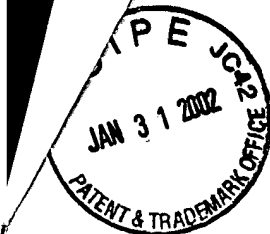


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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests a One-Month Extension of Time to file an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2001. The extension fee of \$110.00 is enclosed. It is believed that no additional fees are due. However, if the check is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 01-0660.

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